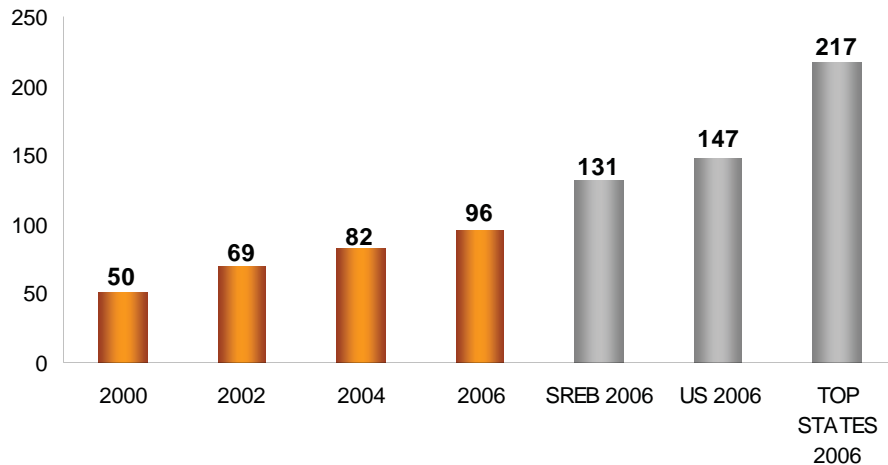




Advanced Placement

Status: Making progress

High school students scoring 3 or higher on Advanced Placement exams per 1,000 juniors and seniors



Source: The College Board, as reported in *Measuring Up 2006: The State Report Card on Higher Education*

Highlights

- More Kentucky students are taking AP exams and scoring well enough to earn college credit. Kentucky's performance on this indicator has improved 17% since 2004 and 92% since 2000, the first year of *Measuring Up*.
- In 2006, there were 13,625 AP examinees, a 10% increase over the previous year.
- Kentucky has improved its performance on this indicator at a higher rate than other states accredited by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).
- In Kentucky, 86% of test-takers were white, 4% were Asian American/Pacific Islander, 3.4% were African American, and 1.7% were Hispanic.
- Kentucky was one of seven states to receive a \$13 million National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) grant to improve student performance on AP exams. The Council is a partner in the initiative, funded by Exxon Mobil and private foundations.

About this measure

Advanced Placement (AP) exams, administered by the College Board, offer a standardized measure of high school students' ability to successfully complete college-level work. Kentucky's public colleges and universities award credit for a score of 3 or higher on a 5-point scale.

This indicator is derived from *Measuring Up: The State Report Card on Higher Education*, which is updated every other year (the next update is 2008). The measure represents a ratio where the numerator is the number of AP tests taken by juniors and seniors with scores of 3 and above and the denominator is the total number of juniors and seniors in Kentucky. The indicator focuses attention on the need for greater access to and success in AP courses.